

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES SHEET - TV-10 "INPUT" PROGRAM - "Mind Over Matter"

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2. Is parapsychological ability a potential of all human beings? Are we fully human when denying or suppressing such potential, if any?
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7. What other methods can be utilized in the study of ESP etc. in real life situations rather than in laboratory settings? Apprenticeships? participant observers? action research? Other? Might these uncover ordinary phenomena or events which contain ESP elements, but go unnoticed because of training and cultural bias against the acceptance of ESP phenomena as valid?
8. Why are the psychic sciences and arts so vehemently rejected by scientific, religious, and educational establishments? (for example: disregard of faith healing by the medical and religious authorities and the rejection of some Christians of the sects which practice faith healing)
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